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SUBJ: SHAH DISCUSSES HORN OF AFRICA IN ASWAN AND RIYADH

1. UPON HIS RETURN FROM VISITS TO ASWAN AND RIYADH, SHAH TOLD
ME HE HAD DISCUSSED HORN OF AFRICA IN BOTH PLACES. HE SAID HE
FOUND BOTH EGYPTIAN AND SAUDIS GRAVELY CONCERNED BY SOVIEIT
ACTIVITY THERE, AND CONSIDERED SAUDIS "PETRIFIED" BY PROSPECT
OF SOVIET PRESENCE ACROSS RED SEA.

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2. SADAT TOLD HIM THAT NUMEIRY HAD UNDERTAKEN TO SEND SUDANESE
BRIGADE TO BERBERA. TROOPS WOULD BE PICKED UP BY EGYPTIAN SHIPS
AND ENTIRE EXPEDITION WOULD BE FUNDED BY SAUDIS. SADAT ALSO
SAID THAT EGYPT WOULD SEND CREWS TO SOMALIA TO MAN SAM II
MISSILE SITES, WHICH SOMALIS WERE UNABLE TO HANDLE.

3. SHAH GOT IMPRESSION THAT SADAT IS VERY PREOCCUPIED

WITH IDEA THAT SOVIETS ARE SEEKING TO RETALIATE AGAINST HIM BY SEIZING CONTROL OF TERRITORY OF VITAL INTEREST TO EGYPT. HE MUSED ON THOUGH THAT SADAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IMPELLED TO HIS DRAMATIC OVERTURES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HIS GENEROUS OFFERS TO ISRAEL BECAUSE HE WISHES TO TIDY UP HIS EASTERN FRONT IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE ON MORE PERNICIOUS DANGERS ELSEWHERE.

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